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Department of Agricultural Resources Encourages Residents to Support Massachusetts Animal Fund

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BOSTON — With tax season underway, the Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) is encouraging Massachusetts taxpayers to help animals in need by donating to the Massachusetts Animal Fund on their

income tax returns.

The Massachusetts Animal Fund, established in 2012, works with municipal animal control officers to distribute vouchers for free spay/neuter surgery for stray dogs and cats housed in animal control facilities, and dogs and cats owned by families who would not otherwise be able to afford these services for their pets. Contributions for homeless animal prevention and care can be made on Line 33f of the Massachusetts Income Tax Form or [online](#).

“The Massachusetts Animal Fund is critical to ensuring the responsible care of cats and dogs in the Commonwealth,” **said Massachusetts Animal Fund Program Coordinator Lauren Burbridge.** “Through tax donations the fund is able to provide animal control officers with training and spay, neuter, and vaccination resources to help them care for animals in need in the communities they serve.”

Since its inception, the Massachusetts Animal Fund has collaborated with municipal animal control officers to disperse over \$870,000 in assistance to help over 6,500 animals through the Voucher Program, and 1,350 animals through the Emergency Medical Fund.

The Massachusetts Animal Fund is currently partnered with 34 veterinary providers around the Commonwealth and has provided training to over 320 animal control officers to help ensure the wellbeing of local animals.

Follow the Massachusetts Animal Fund on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the most up-to-date information about ending animal homelessness in the Commonwealth.

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